



Sunday 3rd September 2023

VICTORIA Baptist Church News



**“He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season
and whose leaf does not wither—
whatever they do prospers.” *Psalm 1:3***



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ABOUT US



Psalm 1

“BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO DOES NOT WALK IN STEP WITH THE WICKED ...” Psalm 1:1

This Sunday we will be looking at Psalm 1. The Psalm is a great introduction to the book of Psalms - and commends the whole of God’s word to us. I pray that as we meditate on the Psalm together we may know God’s blessing.

Jez Taylor will be leading our time of communion with the children also invited to take part.



Next Week - September 10TH 10am

Next week sees the first All-Age service of the new academic year with Jez Taylor bringing God’s Word to us.



RACHEL WIGHTWICK

The Thanksgiving Service for Rachel, who went to be with the Lord a week after her 100th birthday, will be here at VBC on **Tuesday 26th Sept at 1pm**. If you would like to join Brian and his family for refreshments after the service, please sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Centre. The burial will take place the day before the Thanksgiving Service.

STAFF/OFFICE MATTERS

Staff movements for the coming week.

Chris off Mon, Tues
Sandra off Thursday
Erik off Thursday
Simon off Tuesday
Julie in Thursday

Colin off Monday
Kevin off Saturday
Tim in Wed & Fri am
Jez in Wed & Fri am
Helen in Mon, Wed
Nadine in on Mon, Thurs

Senior Minister

Chris Short

PA to Senior Minister

Sandra Taylor

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Erik Cornelisse - Youth

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The Week Ahead

Sun	3	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Communion Live & Online with Daniel Fairhead
		6.30pm	Church Prayer Meeting
Mon	4		
Tue	5		
Wed	6	8.30am	Community Fridge and Cafe
Thu	7	7.30am	Prayer Meeting (for men only)
		10.15am	Men's Fellowship with Chris Short
		2.30pm	Women's Fellowship with Ray Dadswell
		7.30pm	Ukraine Prayer Meeting
Fri	8	10.00am	Outreach Prayer Meeting
Sat	9	10.00am	Flow Café
		10.30am	Creative Writing/Book Club
		7.00pm	Quiz Evening
Sun	10	9.30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting in Chris' Office
		10.00am	Live & Online with Jez Taylor
		6.30pm	Behold the Man



Preaching Engagements *Please remember in prayer*

David Laskey	3 Sep	Ringmer Baptist Church, 10.30am
Robin Lane	3 Sep	Golden Cross Chapel, 10.30am
Brian Wightwick	10 Sep	St Barnabas, Langney, 9.45am
Erik Cornelisse	10 Sep	Woodingdean Baptist, 10.30am

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sat 23 rd Sept	Ladies Prayer Breakfast
Wed 4 th Oct	Men's Curry Night - details to follow later, just make a note of the date at this stage.
Wed 15 th Nov	Ladies Italian Night - details to follow nearer the time



Sunday School Leaders Needed

We are in need of Sunday School leaders and helpers.

If you feel you could further the knowledge and faith of our children and are able to volunteer once a month or once a term then, please talk to Simon or email simon@victoriabaptist.org.uk

Sunday School is only possible thanks to the amazing volunteers each week!

If you teach your children the ways of the Lord when they are young, they will keep their faith when they grow older. - Proverbs 22:6



GIRLS BRIGADE



We are looking for someone to help on a Monday evening (term time), with our Senior section (girls 11+). From September we will have 7 girls in this group. No Girls' Brigade experience required, just enthusiasm! This will be a helping role to assist, you won't be expected to lead anything (unless you wish to). If you are interested, please contact the church office. Many thanks, *Jenny Collins*

PRAYER DIARY 4TH - 10TH SEPTEMBER

"Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Monday As we listen to the news, pray for those affected by dreadful weather and storms. We are hearing more and more of loss of life, loss of homes and loss of livelihood. Give thanks for the rescue services and those providing relief and shelter. Pray for burdens to be put on our hearts, to make steps to lessen our own impact on the environment and to alleviate the suffering of many, due to fires, pollution and hurricanes.

Tuesday Give thanks for the recent Alpha course and the work of the community fridge and breakfast on Wednesdays. Ask God to bring to mind those who have come into VBC with material needs. Pray for compassion to help those with fragile mental health and pray that by the work of the Holy Spirit, people will come to know our Saviour, Jesus.

Wednesday Pray for children and young people this week as they return to education and start a new class, course or school. Ask God to give peace to those who are nervous, pray for those who find academic work a challenge, and ask God to equip those in our own church family to stand up for their faith. Pray for school leaders and teachers to have wisdom and compassion to deal with the complex needs of the children in their care, and that they will be able to get to know pupils quickly. Give thanks for our education system and pray for those around the world who are unable to learn.

Thursday In your prayers, bring to God those three lovely people who were baptised last week. Give thanks for their testimony, ask God to encourage them in their walk and to keep them close. Pray that their new journey will be full of joy, peace and love as they grow closer to Jesus.

Friday Creator God has given us seasons and harvest and, as we live in abundance here in the UK, give thanks for His bounty. Pray for those for whom the harvest is less secure, whether through drought, war, flood or other disasters. Pray for the relief of their hunger. Ask God to increase our compassion, make our voices louder and to work together to reduce greed and restore justice.

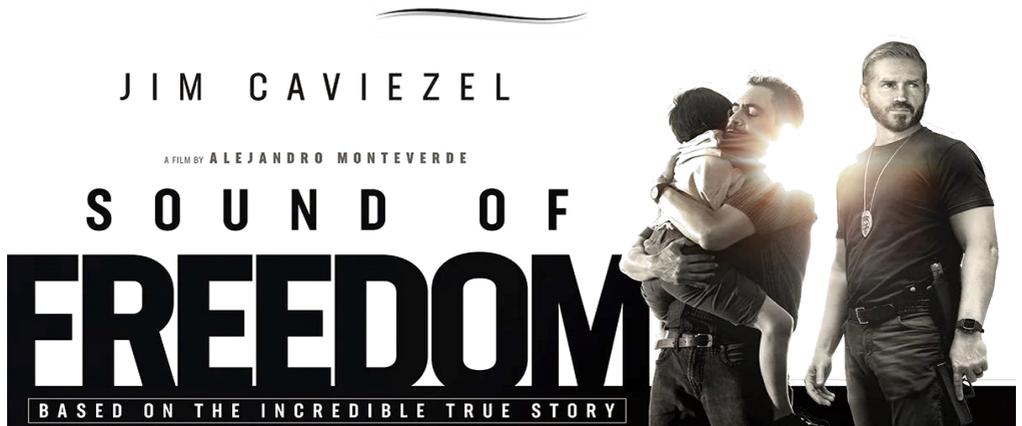
Saturday Think of the frail and sick people you know. Give thanks for long lives, faithful family members and for the wisdom of the elderly. Ask God for humility to learn from them and to increase our sensitivity to their needs. Pray for those professionals and volunteers who work caring for others.

FUEL FOR PRAYER

Sunday Give thanks to our awesome God for the joy of worship here at church today. Lift His name on high. Give thanks to our faithful God for our ministry team at Victoria. Ask God to sustain them in their service. Give thanks to Jehovah-Jireh for the provision of a place to share with our community and for the team that looks after the building. Give thanks to our God of peace and the freedom to meet together and to come into His presence. Pray that our focus will be on Christ Jesus our Saviour.

“Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2



SOUND OF FREEDOM, based on the incredible true story, shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

This powerful and thought-provoking film, released in 2023, is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the unwavering determination to bring justice to the voiceless. The storytelling is masterfully crafted, seamlessly blending heart-wrenching drama with moments of inspiring resilience and unwavering hope.

Currently showing at Cineworld in the Beacon. Will be showing at Hailsham Pavilion at the end of this month. Check websites for dates and times.

CAUTION: STRONG SEXUAL REFERENCES AND OTHER UPSETTING THEMES



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Bed Tables

If anyone is interested in having these tables (no charge!), please contact Joanne

Make a DIFFERENCE THAT SPANS CONTINENTS!

Our monthly Flow Café is back after a short Summer break and at the first one we will raise funds to donate to the two projects that Erik will be visiting in India later this year (VISA-dependent, please pray!!). Hannah is currently creating the very first family safe space in her town (Mokokchung) and Biduyta is still reaching out among the rural villages and Dalit people in Orissa.



We would love to make a donation to these projects to assist them in delivering their mission to bring hope, love, and change to the beautiful communities of their parts of India. This is your chance to be a part of something bigger, to touch lives and create a lasting impact.

#LoveIndia #ImpactChange #BeTheDifference



Creative Writing

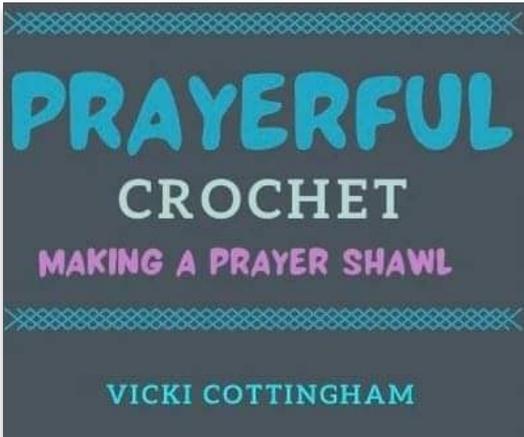
The group starts again on Saturday 9th September at 10.30am in the Hive while Flow Cafe goes on upstairs. Our first topic is 'Retirement' and those attending are encouraged to write something in prose or verse, fiction or fact on/near the subject. All welcome. For more information contact John Demetriou.

At the same time as Creative Writing, Book Club starts up again after the summer break, also on the Lower Floor.

PRAYERFUL CROCHET

Come together and crochet a prayer shawl, spending time praying for the person who will be receiving it. Whilst we crochet the shawl as a gift for someone else, the act of crocheting itself is a gift to ourselves as it is beneficial for our own mental and emotional wellbeing.

The day will begin with a spiritual reflection by Vicki Cottingham, and then



Date - 11 Oct 2023

Venue - Penhurst Retreat Centre (near Ashburnham/Battle)

10.00 - 16.00 / £ 40.00 (incl. light lunch)

Please bring your own yarn and crochet hook. If you don't have your own, please let us know when you book your place.

- suitable for experienced and less experienced crocheters -



I'm really pleased to share that we have had three clients go debt-free in August, with 2 in the past week .

However, whilst we are celebrating these releases from debt, our clients continue to face really challenging circumstances. Both of the clients, who went debt-free this week, continue to live with an unsustainable budget.

Many thanks for all your support and prayers, which enable these client to lose the chains of debt. Please keep all our clients in your prayers, as they face health, housing, job and relationship challenges.



END OF SUMMER FUN !!

As someone (not-so-famous) once must've said - *"Summer tans will fade but memories, they'll last a lifetime."*

I love creating memories, be it with the family or be it with our young people. These are the days they will look back on and say, just like their Creator - it was very good!

Last Sunday (27th), following the great baptismal service, our youth got together for lunch, which was richly and kindly supplied by over half a dozen members from the church. The scones (however you decide to pronounce that) some with jam and cream, others with cream and jam, the sandwiches and the sausage rolls all went down a treat. - **THANK YOU!!**

We commenced our afternoon activities with a few games before we added water to the theme and yes, we all got wet, some more than others, but we all enjoyed squirting, throwing and spraying loads of water about.

After a small interlude / break / pause for breath, the Dope Ducks and the Tigers (note to self: never ask young people to come up with team names!) - but those two teams armed with colour powder, commenced a time of absolute colour chaos.

I am thankful for excellent volunteers, great weather conditions, fabulous young people, safety and the facilities to do all these things.

Please pray for our young people (and their families) to transition within the next few weeks from Summer shenanigans back to school routines. (I think Summer should get a speeding ticket - it's just too quickly gone) Pray especially for those who move into year 7 or start college or University.





The Tigers - grouping themselves as a burger, frozen t-shirt and all!



"Let there be colour, and there was colour"

FLOWER MINISTRY

Last week's flowers were donated by
John & Ruth Simmonds
to celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary!



*Thank you so much
for the lovely
flowers delivered
this morning, yet
another blessing!
With love In Jesus -
JR*

"Thank you so much for the flowers it was a lovely surprise! Just what I needed as I've not felt great recently"

"I would just like to say thank you for the church flowers I received yesterday. I was out when they arrived so I wasn't able to thank anyone but they were very much appreciated.."